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1. DOCUMENTATION FOR FIRST SESSION SENIOR ADVISERS TO ECE GOVERNMENTS ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS (SENA), APRIL 2-6 NOW COMPLETED AND DESPATCHED TO DEPARTMENT.

2. QUESTION OF BUREAU NOT FULLY RESOLVED, ALTHOUGH CANDIDACY OF J. SPAANDER OF NETHERLANDS FOR CHAIRMAN STILL UNCHALLENGED IN WESTERN CAUCUS. (SEE REFTEL (C).) LATEST INFORMATION HAS UNSPECIFIED CZECH IN LINE FOR VICE- CHAIRMAN. BISHOP UPSET AT SPAANDER CANDIDACY, SINCE HIS FIELD IS PUBLIC HEALTH, WHICH BISHOP CONSIDERS TOO NARROW FOR MEETING OF THIS TYPE. ATTEMPTS TO PERSUADE UK AND NORWAY TO PRESENT CANDIDATES IN OPPOSITION TO SPAANDER WERE UNSUCCESSFUL. WE NOW INFORMED STANOVNIK TRYING TO PERSUADE YUGOSLAVIA TO PRESENT PROMINENT ENVIRONMENTALIST
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AS INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE FOR CHAIRMAN, SINCE YUGOSLAVS INSIST THEY NEITHER PART OF EASTERN OR WESTERN CAUCUSES FOR PURPOSES OF ELECTIONS.

3. AS TIME FOR SESSION APPROACHES, IT BECOMING INCREASINGLY CLEAR THAT DEFINITIVE APPROVAL BY SENIOR ADVISERS OF ACTION-ORIENTED WORK PROGRAM NOT RPT NOT IN THE CARDS. NOW THAT GDR PROBLEM SOLVED, IT IRONIC THAT NEW OBSTACLE (E. G. HELSINKI CSCE TALKS) SHOULD ARISE TO FURTHER DELAY IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPREHENSIVE ECE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM. WESTERN CAUCUS AGREED THAT FIRST SESSION SENA WILL BE VICTIM OF UNFORTUNATE TIMING, AND THAT IN ABSENCE DEFINITION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AT HELSINKI, THERE LITTLE HOPE SAME GOVERNMENTS WOULD BE READY TO TAKE STAND IN ECE. THIS POINT WAS MADE CLEAR AT MARCH 15 JOINT NATO ECONAD- ECE REPS MEETING. SOVIET MISOFFS HAVE BEEN TAKING THIS LINE FOR SOME TIME NOW. YESTERDAY, POLISH MISOFF IN PRIVATE DISCUSSION OF DOC. E/ ECE/838 FOR PLENARY TOOK POSITION LITTLE OF CONCRETE NATURE COULD BE EXPECTED TO EMERGE FROM SENA OR PLENARY. WE TOOK POSITION THAT WHILE THIS MIGHT BE TRUE, IT IMPORTANT THAT RESPECTABLE MOMENTUM BE MAINTAINED IN WORK ON ENVIRONMENT, AS WELL AS IN OTHER ECE FIELDS. WE HAVE ALSO MADE IT CLEAR TO SOVIETS AND POLES THAT REPEAT OF SITUATION AT FIRST SESSION SENIOR ADVISERS ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (WHERE REASONABLE WORK PROGRAM WAS FORMULATED DURING MEETING ONLY TO BE TORPEDOED AT ELEVENTH HOUR BY SOVIETS) MUST BE AVOIDED. HOPEFULLY, PROCEDURE WORKED OUT FOR SENA OF HAVING PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF WORK PROGRAM ON SECOND DAY OF MEETING WILL FORCE DELEGATIONS TO PLACE THEIR CARDS ON TABLE EARLY IN PROCEEDINGS.

4. WE BELIEVE, UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, US, WHILE ADOPTING POSITIVE POSTURE TOWARD ECE WORK PROGRAM AND INDICATING THOSE ELEMENTS TO WHICH WE GIVE PRIORITY, SHOULD NOT PRESS FOR ADOPTION NOW OF COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM, IF AS SEEMS TO BE THE CASE, THERE NO SENTIMENT TO TAKE FIRM DECISIONS DURING FIRST SESSION.

5. IN LIGHT COMPLETE IMPASSE BETWEEN EAST AND WEST WHICH DEVELOPED IN RECENT SENIOR ECONOMIC ADVISERS SESSION OVER TERMS OF REFERENCE AND SOVIET REFUSAL TO ADOPT ANY VERSION, IT UNLIKELY AGREEMENT ON TERMS OF REFERENCE SENA WILL BE FORTHCOMING AT FIRST SESSION. RIMESTAD

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